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SUBJ: REVIEW OF SECRETARY'S VISIT TO MADRID

REF: MADRID 4187

1. SECRETARY ARRIVED MADRID AT NOON AT BARAJAS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WHERE HE WAS GREETED BY SPANISH FONMIN CORTINA, AMBASSADOR RIVERO AND OTHER DIGNITARIES.

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SECRETARY MADE ARRIVAL STATEMENT WHICH WAS SUBSEQUENTLY

REPORTED IN FULL BY SPANISH MEDIA. SECRETARY ALLUDED TO PARALLELISM BETWEEN US-SPANISH DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AND DECLARATION SIGNED WITH OTHER ATLANTIC COUNTRIES. HE SAID HE HOPED TO SEE BILATERAL RELATIONS STRENGTHENED BY CONSULTATIONS JULY 9 AND EXCHANGES OF IDEAS ON RECENT INTERNATIONAL EVENTS.

2. FIRST HIGH LEVEL CALL WAS ON PRIME MINISTER ARIAS NAVARRO. DURING THIS MEETING PRIME MINISTER EXPLAINED THAT GENERALISIMO FRANCO'S ILLNESS (WHICH FONMIN CORTINA HAD PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED TO SECRETARY) (MADRID 4356) PREVENTED CALL BY SECRETARY. DURING HALF HOUR EXCHANGE, PRIME MINISTER TOOK OCCASION TO EXPRESS TO SECRETARY HIS SATISFACTION WITH HIS JUNE VISIT TO SIXTH FLEET CARRIER USS FORRESTAL, NOTING STRATEGIC SIGNIFICANCE OF MEDITERRANEAN AND VITAL ROLE OF US FORCES IN PRESERVING PEACE THERE. PRIME MINISTER REAFFIRMED SPAIN'S DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE DEFENSE COOPERATION WITH US. PRIME MINISTER UNDERScoreD IMPORTANCE OF ENERGY PROBLEMS, RESTATING IMPORTANCE OF COORDINGTED EFFORT UNDER US LEADERSHIP TO DEAL WITH THEM AND EXPRESSING SPAIN'S SUPPORT FOR CONCERTED INTERNATIONAL ACTION.

3. WORKING SESSION AT FOREIGN MINISTRY LASTED APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR AND A QUARTER (1330-1445). SINCE JOINT DECLARATION TEXT PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED AND APPROVED NO FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WERE NECESSARY, THOUGH FOREIGN MINISTER USED OCCASION TO RESTATE FAMILIAR SPANISH ARGUMENT THAT SPANISH CONTRIBUTION TO NATO, THROUGH BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH US, NOT RECOGNIZED BY NATO MEMBER BENEFICIARIES. SPAIN IN FACT PART, HE CONTINUED, OF REGIONAL DEFENSE ARRANGEMENTS, BUT ITS PARTICIPATION MUST BE GIVEN POLITICAL AND JURIDICAL FORM IF REGIONAL DEFENSE EFFORTS TO HAVE NECESSARY COORDINATION.

4. AT SPANISH REQUEST MOST OF WORKING SESSION USED FOR BRIEFING BY SECRETARY ON PRESIDENT'S MOSCOW SUMMIT: NATO'S OTTAWA AND BRUSSELS MEETINGS; STATUS CONFIDENTIAL

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OF CSCE: EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON CURRENT CONVENTIONAL AND NUCLEAR ARMS BALANCE WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO EUROPEAN AREA; AND CURRENT SITUATION IN ITALY.

5. FONMIN CORTINA GAVE LUNCH FOR SECRETARY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORKING SESSION. SPANISH GUESTS INCLUDED PRESIDENT OF CORTES AND COUNCIL OF REALM VALCARCEL, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT AND MINISTER OF FINANCE BARRERA

DE IRIMO, AND MINISTER OF PRESIDENCY CARRO MARTINEZ. IN HIS TOAST, CORTINA REFERRED TO MUTUAL DETERMINATION TO PROCEED WITH "READJUSTMENT OF DEFENSE COOPERATION" ALONG LINES SET DOWN IN "REMODELING OF WASHINGTON'S DEFENSE RELATIONS WITH THE OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE." CORGINA WONDERED WHY THERE WAS SO MUCH TALK ABOUT SPAIN BEING "INCORPORATED" INTO THE WEST, WHERE IT WAS LOCATED IN ANY CASE. CORTINA SAID THAT DEBATE ABOUT WHETHER SPAIN SHOULD PPT FOR EUROPE OR US WOULD BECOME FRUITLESS OVER LONG TERM AS IT WAS PRESENTED AS IF THEY WERE MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE ALTERNATIVES. IN REALITY, HE SAID, EUROPE AND US FORMED A WHOLE WHOSE ESSENTIAL UNITY WAS ESPECIALLY EVIDENT IN DEFENSE MATTERS. SPAIN, THEREFORE, ORIENTED ITS FOREIGN POLICY TOWARDS CLOSE COOPERATION BOTH WITH EUROPE AND US. HE THEN REFERRED TO "SPIRIT OF EQUALITY BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES WITH WHICH DECLARATION WAS IMBUED."

6. IN RESPONSE, SECRETARY AGREED WITH FONMIN'S JUDGEMENT THAT SPAIN NEEDED NO INTEGRATION WITH A COMMUNITY TO WHICH IT ALREADY BELONGED. HE SAID DECLARATION WAS STARTING POINT FOR EVEN CLOSER COLLABORATION, AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SAME SPIRIT WHICH LED TO CONCLUSION OF DECLARATION WOULD ANIMATE FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS.

7. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING LUNCHEON AT 1600 SECRETARY AND FONMIN INITIALLED DECLARATION IN PRESENCE OF LUNCHEON GUESTS AND MEDIA REPS.

8. SECRETARY THEN RETURNED TO AMERICAN EMBASSY AT 1630 FOR BRIEF MEETING WITH EMBASSY STAFF IN AUDITORIUM. SECRETARY DEPARTED AT 1800 FOR US.

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9. COMMENT. SECRETARY'S VISIT, HIS THIRD TO SPAIN IN ONLY 8 MONTHS, AND HIS INITIALLING OF "JOINT DECLARATION" HAVE BEEN STRONG TONIC FOR GOS AT TIME OF UNCERTAINTY OVER FUTURE RELATIONS WITH EUROPE, GLOOMY INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC PICTURE, AND HEIGHTENED SENSE OF ISOLATION STIMULATED BY EVENTS IN NEIGHBORING PORTUGAL. BOTH VISIT AND JOINT DECLARATION HAVE BEEN SEEN AS MAJOR US REAFFIRMATION OF SPAIN'S IMPORTANCE AND ITS STANDING AMONG OTHER WESTERN DEFENSE PARTNERS. STATUS-CONSCIOUS SPANISH OF COURSE SENSITIVE TO FACT THAT JOINT DECLARATION SIGNING NOT ACCOMPANIED BY US PRESIDENTIAL VISIT, AS IN CASE OF NATO DECLARATION; ARIAS GOVERNMENT TREATING "JOINT DECLARATION AS SIGNIFICANT FOREIGN POLICY ACHIEVEMENT-- ITS FIRST. STATEMENTS OF FOREIGN MINISTER DURING SECRETARY'S VISIT, AND IN SUBSEQUENT PRESS CONFERENCE, INDICATE

GOS WILL NOW MAKE SERIOUS EFFORT TO CONVINCE
PRESS AND IN-HOUSE OPPOSITION THAT DECLARATION HAS
DISPELLED SOME OF AMBIGUITY FROM US-SPANISH SECURITY
RELATIONSHIP, THUS NEUTRALIZING MOST SERIOUS POLITICAL
OBSTACLE TO RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND
COOPERATION. WE BELIEVE THAT CORTINA WILL BE A TENACIOUS
AND AT TIMES DIFFICULT NEGOTIATOR IN MONTHS TO COME,
BUT WE ALSO BELIEVE HE TAKES CONSIDERABLE PERSONAL PRIDE
AND SATISFACTION IN THE DECLARATION AND THAT BECAUSE OF IT
HE AND HIS GOVERNMENT WILL BE MORE REASONABLE IN THE
NEGOTIATIONS OF THE AGREEMENT THAN THEY WOULD OTHERWISE
HAVE BEEN. HE CONSIDERS THAT THE DECLARATION
HAS SET A USEFUL FRAMEWORK IN WHICH TO CONDUCT THE NEGOTIATIONS.
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